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Carmen Hooker Odom, Secretary

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TO: All Concerned

FROM: Carmen Hooker Odom, Secretary
Department of Health and Human Services

RE: State Consumer and Family Advisory Committee (CFAC) Appointments

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Carmen Hooker Odom".

I am pleased to announce the appointments for the State Consumer and Family Advisory Committee (S-CFAC). The committee is comprised of the following members: Jere W. Annis, III, Carl Britton-Watkins, Derl Bruce, George (Pete) Clary, Zachariah (Zac) Commander, Sandra DuPuy, Ronald Huber, Kathleen Herr, Ed Masters, Doug Michaels, Ellen Perry, Barbara Ann Richards, Katie Chambers Sawyer, Betty Stanberry, Amelia Thorpe, Alejandro Vazquez and Paula Wagner. As outlined in the 2003 State Plan, membership will consist of twenty (20) members who are representative of each of the four disability groups, i.e., mental health, developmental disabilities, substance abuse and co-occurring disorders, of which a minimum of sixteen (16) shall be local CFAC members, but with no more than 1 member from the same local CFAC. An additional member has also been appointed to the committee for voting purposes, which will bring the total representation to twenty-one (21) members. Currently, there are four vacancies for adolescents in each of the four disability groups. The Consumer Empowerment Team will continue to recruit and take applications for these vacant member positions for the state CFAC.

The State CFAC, in conjunction with the Division's Executive Leadership Team (ELT) will provide input and conduct oversight of the Division of Mental Health, Development Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services operations and efforts to accomplish the strategic outcomes of the State Plan. Although the State CFAC works directly with the ELT, they may, at any time, report specific concerns directly to me. The State CFAC will receive support through the Division's Advocacy and Customer Services Consumer Empowerment Team.

The initial meeting location for the State CFAC will be in the Haywood Room at the Holiday Inn in North Raleigh on May 5, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. – 4 p.m., where they will begin to develop a work-plan and arrange for future meetings. During this meeting, members will also meet with the new Division Director, Mike Moseley, Chris Phillips, Chief of the Advocacy and Customer Services Section and Ann Remington, Consumer Empowerment Team Leader.

Please join me in congratulating these individuals on their appointments! These individuals have accepted the challenge to assist in the reform efforts by representing their regions and respective disabilities. They need our support to continue the efforts of the reform process.

cc: Lanier Cansler
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